Slaves of Righteousness
Romans 6: 15-23

1. Modern people often talk about "freedom." What do you think true freedom is? Have you ever experienced a situation where you thought you were free, only to discover that you were actually bound by something?

2. In verse 15, Paul asks again, "Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace?" Why does Paul raise this question? How might Christians today misunderstand God's grace?

3. Verse 16 says, "You are slaves of the one whom you obey." What spiritual principle is Paul teaching here? What are some things that people today are most likely to become slaves to?

4. Verses 17-18 describe believers as having once been slaves to sin but now becoming slaves to righteousness. How did this transformation take place? Looking back on your faith journey, in what areas has God brought freedom into your life?

5. In verse 19, Paul contrasts presenting our members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness with presenting them as slaves to righteousness. In today's context, what are some practical ways we "offer our bodies" or ourselves?

6. Verses 20-21 tell us that a life of sin ultimately bears fruit that leads to shame. Why does Paul want believers to reflect on their past? What attractions might sin offer in the moment, and what are its ultimate consequences?

7. Verse 22 speaks of "the fruit of holiness" (or "the fruit leading to sanctification"). What do you think this fruit looks like in a believer's life? Have you seen examples of this kind of spiritual fruit in other Christians?

8. The Wages of Sin and the Gift of God. Why does Paul contrast "wages" and "gift"? What do these two words reveal about the difference between sin and salvation?

9. Eternal Life Is More Than the Future. When you hear the term "eternal life," what comes to mind first? Is eternal life simply about going to heaven after death, or is it something that begins now?

10. Throughout this passage, Paul repeatedly emphasizes that people are either serving sin or serving God. What areas of your life are you still reluctant to fully surrender to God's control? What new step of obedience might God be inviting you to take?